

University Community Presbyterian Church

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Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship. If you are a visitor, please record your information on the yellow visitor card. If anyone has a prayer request, please fill out the reverse side of the yellow visitor card with your prayer needs. Cards can be placed in the offering plate.

Children are a blessed part of our church family and are invited to worship with us. We have a staffed nursery during worship service for children from 6 weeks to 5 years of age. We also have a cry room available in the back of the sanctuary.

Difficulty hearing? The sound operators in the back left corner of the sanctuary can provide you with headphones for our assisted hearing system.

CDs of our services If you would like a copy, please contact the church office.

Pastor:	Rev. Neill McKay
Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
Clerk of Session:	Sarah Lanstra
Elders:	Melissa Bierer, Brian Dixon, Jim Durst, Lucile Hackett, , Paula Long, Doreen McNeill, Roger Smith
Deacon President:	Celia Rohwer
Deacons:	Susan Carothers, Judy Fowler-Morris Georgianne Frank, Lynne Krizek,

Mission Co-Workers	Rev. Ryan and Alethia White Rev. Jed Koball and his wife Jenney
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Choir Director	Lucile Hackett
Pianist:	Kathy Dohner
Organist:	Kathy Dohner
Sound Manager:	David Rohwer

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Next Week's Service ~ December 24th ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

Leader: Randy Frank	Prayer Person: Lucile Hackett
Sound Board: David Rohwer	Nursery: Sarah Lanstra
Head Usher: David Stanek	

JOYS AND CONCERNS from December 10th, 2017

Lord, in your mercy, we pray for:

Rev. Jed Koball & Jenney
Marcie broken arm & heart surgery
Dan's dad recovering
Joan and Eyerusalem
James Nagiak Family
O'Bryan family
Kaia's root Canal
Families in the 'Loving Families' program
Homeless & those in need
Families to get along this time of year
For PEACE in our World

Thanks be to God for:

Eliza's inspiring poems
Pat making it away from dangerous tree
Jake worshipping with us & his wrestling
Pastor Neill's Birthday
Lord coming into David's life
Dog who ate a sock
Christmas play & costumes
Dad getting us out the door
Elsie worshipping with us

UCPC EVENTS, WEEKLY CALENDAR, and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School – No more Sunday School. Will start back up Jan. 7th 9:30AM

Sunday December 24th 9:00PM candle light service

Pledge Cards may be placed in the offertory plate. Extra cards are available on the table by the Sanctuary door.

Sunday Breakfast is served from 9:00 to 9:30 AM. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and food before Sunday School.

Children and Youth Sunday School meets at 9:30 AM.

Preschool meets in the Nursery.

K-4th grade meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall Elementary room.

5th-8th grade meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall Middle School room.

Confirmed students & 9th-12th grade meets upstairs in the High School room.

Sunday Adult Study will meet upstairs in the Lounge at 9:30 AM for fellowship, teaching and discussion.

Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Narthex.

Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 AM in the Narthex.

Bulletin Deadline is on Wednesdays by 12:00 PM.

Choir Rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Music Room.

Visionaries Gospel Group Rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 8:15 PM in the Sanctuary.

Prayer Group meets on Thursdays at 12:00 PM in the Conference Room.

December Elder of the Month is Doreen McNeill

Christmas Program Dec. 17th at 12:30PM "Christmas Around the World". Sunday December 17th 9:00AM practice. There will be quick sandwiches and finger foods after Sunday's service before the program

Sessions Meeting Thursday December 21st at 6:30PM

LOVING FAMILIES ~ our next "host" week is scheduled for January 7-14, 2018. We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal, evening volunteers for socializing, volunteers to spend the night with families & volunteers to provide groceries for breakfast & sack lunches. If you can help, please contact one of the following planning committee members: Donita Lawhead, Theresa Reed, Muffie Durst or Norma Wivoda. Thank you in advance for giving of your time & talent

WEEKLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Foursquare Russian Church meets on Sundays at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary.
- 12-Step meets on Mondays at 5:30 PM in the Music Room.
- Boy Scout Troop 1 meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the CE Basement.
- AA meets on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM in the Lounge.
- Girl Scout Troop 75 meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in the Lounge.
- Al Anon meets on Thursdays at 5:30 PM in the High School Classroom.
- Fairbanks Sweet Adelines Barbershop Chorus meets 6.30pm Thursdays.
- Foursquare Russian Church meets on Fridays at 7:00 PM in the Music Room.
- NA meets on Fridays at 8:30 PM in the Lounge.

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3510 College Road • Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

December 17th, 2017



THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent

"We invite all to faith in Jesus Christ and growth in discipleship through Word, Prayer, and Service."

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

* Please stand if you are able

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Announcements

*Lighting of Advent Candle

~PREPARING FOR THE WORD~

***Call to Worship** *Third Sunday of Advent* Isaiah 35:1-7

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus, it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

People: **The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.**

Leader: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

People: **Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**

Leader: For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

People: **The burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.**

Leader: Lets us pray

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise** Once In Royal David's City Hymnal 49

***Call to Confession** Thessalonians 5:15–22

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and Merciful Father, we rejoice in the good that flows to us through prayer for we hold fast to your teachings in all circumstances. But God we are not always so quick to abstain from evil temptations for our fallen nature is to repay evil for evil and despise the word of you prophets. Lord we pray for a better way in our lives, we pray for wisdom to know good from evil and the strength and presence of mind to turn to in prayer when temptations do arise. Hear now my own personal prayers of confession.

*Silent Confession

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*The Forgiven and Redeemed Share the Lord's Peace

(Please share the peace of Christ by welcoming those around you.)

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem

Jazz Gloria

~HEARING THE WORD~

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:10-13 OT Pg. 686

New Testament Reading 1st John: 1:1-4, 2:29-3:3 NT Pg. 238,240

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "A great Joy is awaiting" Rev. Neill McKay

Hymn of Response Rejoice, Rejoice Believers Hymnal 15

Affirmation of Faith: The Scots Confession 3.04

We constantly believe that God, after the fearful departure of man from this obedience, did seek Adam again, call upon him, rebuke and convict him of his sin, and in the end make unto him a most joyful promise, that "the seed of woman should bruise the head of the serpent," that is, that he should destroy the works of the devil. This promise was repeated and made clearer from time to time, it was embraced with joy, and most constantly received by all the faithful from Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to David and so onwards to the incarnation of Christ Jesus; all (we mean the believing fathers and mothers under the law) did see the joyful day of Christ Jesus and did rejoice.

Serving Today

Leader: Carol Nielsen

Sound Board: Curtis McNeill

Prayer Person: Susan Carothers

Nursery: Rhonda McKay

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Special Music Duet by Kathy Yokel & Lucile Hackett

***Offering Response** "Doxology" Hymnal 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (Unison)

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Unison) Hymnal p. 16

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

***Closing Hymn** Angels We Have Heard On High Hymnal 23

*Taking the Light into the World

We carry the light out of the sanctuary as a sign that we are carrying God's light into the world.

*Charge and Benediction

***Response** O Come, O Come Emmanuel Vs. 3 Hymnal 9

O Come Desire of nations bind All peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife and discord cease, Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Postlude

Susan Carothers will be in front of the sanctuary to pray with anyone who wishes.